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SUPPOSE NOBODY CARED.

You will hear this phrase frequently during the
coming week and you will see it oftener on the
printed appeals of the Federation for Social Service.That is the high sounding name for the men and
women who are interested in not only relieving
the load of human misery which is a part of all
communities, but are very definitely directed
towards the day when all want, all illness, all suffer-
ing shall pass away."Faith, hope and love, and the greatest of these
is love," was written as the greatest of facts cen-
turies ago by One who drew his inspiration from a
knowledge of all things.That love, not the maudlin sentiment which some-
times masquerades upon its name, but the real senti-
ment of kinship with all human kind, prompts the
effort which will be made this week to raise the
needed funds for the varied enterprises supported
by this city.Call them charitable, philanthropic or what you
will, and you finally reach the conclusion that after
all they are just neighbors and keep alive the old
spirit of neighborliness which existed in a less com-
plex and complicated mode of life.In the old day the call of human suffering was
very personal and was given a personal answer, a
thing not possible in a city of a hundred thousand.In that day the farmer left his field to help the
man who owned the next farm if illness came. The
housewife hurried to help when word went out that
sickness had come to the near neighbor.The child who was orphaned found a kindly wel-
come in the nearest home and the girl who came
as a stranger was as carefully guarded as the daugh-
ter of any family.In that day few mothers went out to earn her
living, and if any did, she was restricted to the one
profession of housekeeping and took her children
with her.Life is a different matter today. The cities have
made it impossible to keep alive the personal con-
tact with all suffering and so it happened that there
is a need in this community for the nurse who will
go into a home in a time of need when there is
no money to hire one.There is a need for the day nursery where chil-
dren of mothers who are by necessity bread winners,
may be left.There is need of hospitals to care for the sick,
of orphanages as havens of the fatherless and the
neglected, of retreats for girls who have made mis-
takes and of homes where the girl may find sur-
roundings and companionship that will keep her
from making mistakes.The appeal is one that measures your old spirit
of neighborliness and the committee has done well
in raising as its slogan the significant words, "Sup-
pose nobody cared."That brings a picture from which the most
thoughtless might well draw shudderingly away.That would mean a world of brutal chaos, in
which each man and each woman thought only of
self.It would turn back the pages of history to the
day of early savagery, and retrace every forward
step taken in seven thousand years.If nobody cared, no one would be either safe or
happy.If nobody cared, the world would be a dreadful
place, without sunshine and without a smile.Think it over this week when the various com-
mittees call for the necessary subscriptions through
which eleven voices of mercy, recognizing no one
as strange, at no cry of need, will represent you
in their mission of neighborliness.

WHY HICKEY STOPPED.

There is an unfortunate pause in the speech of
Congressman Hickey as he pleads for the votes of
the service men and his friends.In his address in this county on Saturday, he had
the audacity to give as a reason for his reelection
what he terms the administration has done in "look-
ing after the veterans of the World War."He cites the fact that many thousands are being
educated in rehabilitation schools. That work was
begun under Sec'y Baker and planned by his ad-
visers.He says that the disabled veterans have been
given vast sums and that 23,000 now in hospitals
get about \$50 a month in addition to their care and
maintenance.The recent convention of the American Legion,
made up of the buddies of these disabled men, de-
nounced the administration of this part of a nation's
just debt as most inefficient and demanded the resig-
nation of the personal physician of the president
who heads that work.Then Hickey stopped, for he was in a strange
dilemma.If he proceeded to parade his vote in favor of the
fake compensation measure, a vote which he cast
above the veto of Pres't Harding, he was compelled
to attack the president.When he refrained, he failed in frankness to the
voters for he did not disclose that the administra-
tion had killed the soldiers' compensation act, that
the vote of the Republican members in the house
in favor of a measure bearing this label, was cast
only after they had been assured that the senate
would kill the bill.He stopped short because he would have been
compelled to admit that he had voted against the
sales tax provision demanded by the president and
now advocated by Mr. Beveridge.It was an embarrassing position, this endeavor to
plead for the votes of the service men without
either indicting himself, the president or his run-
ning mate.That speech was only another disclosure of the
uneasy position in which he stands as a candidate
for reelection.It is of the same cloth as the plea that he is
needed to secure a new postoffice for South Bend
when he admits that the measure will come before
congress in December, that the victorious candidate
in the present election will have nothing to do
with it.

Compare that attitude of straggle and evasion

with the clear-cut planks and platform of his
opponent, the first woman in Indiana to be a party
nominee for this high office and then cast your
ballot for the one whom you believe to be most
frank, open and trustworthy as your representative.

HAPPY AMERICA.

If you were never glad before that you are a
citizen of the United States, look at the cable news
disintegrating governments abroad, of worthless
money, of chaotic conditions which put every man-
woman and child in jeopardy of tomorrow's bread
and compare it with the picture of the average man
who buys an automobile here.For there is an average buyer of automobiles,
just as there is a composite picture of patrons of
bootleggers and an accurate model of the man who
goes to church.A Cleveland bank, looking into the records of auto
sales, investigating the conditions around each sale,
presents the picture of the American automobile buyer.It discovers that he is 33 years old, that he carries
life insurance, has an equity in real estate worth
\$5,000, is married and that he has personal property
worth \$2,000.That is the result of striking an average of all
buyers and it also discovers that he pays \$1,400
for his car, of which \$700 is in cash and that he pays
out at the rate of \$100 a month.When you consider the output of auto factories
runs into millions, and that one in every ten citizens
of the United States now owns an automobile, you
get the full force and import of this picture.No wonder the people who live in Europe, watch-
ing their francs and lire and marks dwindle in
value each day, believe that this is a nation of mil-
lionsaires, ready to be plucked.Contrast that general view of prosperity, which
is only beginning to arrive and which has been held
despite every obstacle thrown in its way by blun-
dering laws and handicaps thrown about the com-
man man for the benefit of 17,000 new millionaires,
with the picture which Europe presents.Italy is on the verge of a civil war, occasioned by
the failure of its government to recognize the needs
of the hour. England is fighting savagely in an
election which will determine its future policy, an
election which was called because of the widespread
discontent which prevails there.France is even more hysterical because its money
loses its value and in Germany and Russia money
has become so worthless as to be a joke.The situation of the average American is not due
to sudden inflation. It represents what this country
has salvaged for itself while a world went to wreck.It represents the half century of invention, of
popular education, of increased creative power
through the training of minds and brains.It represents most of all the determination of the
American working man to surrender no part of the
standard of living which he had obtained for him-
self and his family, his unalterable purpose to cling
to the victory which he had won by fifty years of
intelligent training in industry.Against that spirit, caught from tradition and
maintained by devotion to the underlying principles
of democracy, not even the most terrific onslaughts
of privileged interests are able to stand.

DUMB-BELL & CO.

Engineers used to say that it was impossible to
bridge the Hudson river at New York City. They
have changed their minds. The bridge will be built.
The impossibility of yesterday is the accomplish-
ment of tomorrow. So runs civilization.The new bridge will have for its "backbone" four
cables, each 12 feet in diameter. These cables will
support the central span, 3000 feet long, without a
pier in the water below.The bridge, says one engineer, will contain 450,000
tons of steel, which is more steel than all the bridges
across the Mississippi, Missouri and Ohio rivers.By 1940 at least 25,000,000 vehicles and 200,000-
600 passengers a year will be passing over this
bridge—if expectations materialize.Quite a job, to keep New York City connected
with the United States.Representative Ernest Ackerman of New Jersey
says the bridge across the Hudson will be "the most
stupendous engineering work yet undertaken, sur-
passing in that respect and also in final cost the
Panama Canal."The actual bridge will cost at least \$100,000,000.
About \$115,000,000 additional will be required for
the terminal towers from which the huge cables will
be suspended. These terminal towers will rise into
the air 635 feet. Very strong towers required, to
support 400,000 tons, the weight of the steel in the
suspended section. More millions required, for the
approaches.It makes you wonder, is there any limit to the
engineering powers of man, second only to the ant
(in proportion to size) as a builder?This enormous expenditure of money, human
labor and materials is necessary because people per-
sist in flocking to join the swarm in New York City,
each year on a larger scale.It is just a beginning of what will be required in
the future. All this, the penalty of flocking to an
island.In the long run, it might be cheaper to abandon
New York City proper and move the swarms to the
mainland of the United States.It starts you wondering if, after all, many of our
"vast engineering feats" are not rather futile. The
high cost of swarming together, like all other costs,
has a prohibitive limit.

The honeymoon ends when the coal bill begins.

Other Editors Than Ours

DELAYED JUSTICE.

If ex-Pres't Taft's visit to Europe will enable him
to make recommendations that will bring about
reforms in American court practice that shall do
away with the delays that have attended American
trial courts he will have performed a great service
to the American.Over two years ago in Boston a man started the
entire world by his bold stock selling schemes by
selling them stock in imaginary organizations
whereby he fleeced people out of millions of dollars
in which he was the head, the body and the
breaches.That bold schemer was arrested and now after
two years of delay, announcement is made that he
will be brought to trial. Whether it is just the fun-
damental defects of American practice or whether
Ponzi had influential connections is not mentioned.Fourteen years ago a man in Pittsburgh committed a
murder. He was arrested and all sorts of dilatory
tactics were employed and he is just now being
brought to trial.In New York a man was kept in prison four years
for a crime of which he was not guilty because of
the slowness of the legal machinery for reviewing
cases. That man goes free but with no recourse for
the harm that has been done him.Both the criminal and the civil procedure in
America need revising. The leaders in the American
Bar association with the aid of such men as Mr. Taft
and Mr. Root may be able to bring about such
reforms as will do away with the underground rail-
ways that are used as a means of delaying legal
procedure.The News-Times Bureau of
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fidential, and receive personal replies.

QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Q. What is Jack Dillon's real
name?

A. Ernest Cutler Price.

Q. Where was "Battling Nelson"
born?A. At Copenhagen, Denmark,
June 5, 1852.Q. How may grasses be crys-
tallized?A. Take one and one-half pounds
of rock alum, pour on three pints of
boiling water, when quite cool, put
in a wide-mouthed vessel, hang in the
grasses, a few at a time; do not let
them get too heavy, or the stems will
not support them. The alum may be
reheated and more grasses added. By
adding a little coloring matter a pleas-
ing variety may be obtained.

Q. How may felt hat be cleaned?

A. Clean with ammonia and wa-
ter; if greasy, wash with fuller's
earth. Size with glue size, and block
while warm. Glue size is made by
diluting hot glue with hot water. Ap-
ply inside, not outside the hat. The
stains of grease and paint can be re-
moved from hats by means of tur-
pentine or benzine, and if the turpe-
ntine leaves a mark finish with a
little alcohol.Q. Who said "God reigns, and the
government at Washington still
lives?"A. Garfield in a speech following
the assassination of Lincoln.Q. What is the scientific name
for soda?A. That depends on the particu-
lar compound referred to. Soda
is known as sodium hydroxide
baking soda is sodium bicarbonate,
black ash is sodium carbonate.Q. What can one do to remedy
flabby flesh?A. Calvin—bald.
Oswald—power of God.
Ernestine—earnest.
Elisa—same as Alice—or noble
birth.
Tristram—sorrowful.
Genevieve—friend of peace.
Phyllis—a green bough.
Verania—true.
Yvonne—archer.
Alan—a hound.A. Flabbiness is usually caused
by wearing the clothing too tight,
and the best way to remove this
condition is to see that there is no
binding clothing and that plenty of
exercise is taken, nourishing food
eaten, and the whole system put in
good condition.Q. Who were Sequoyah, Saca-
jawa, and Massasoit?A. Sequoyah (or George Guess)
was a Cherokee half-breed, who in
1826 invented the Cherokee syllable
alphabet of 85 characters. Saca-
jawa was a Shoshone Indian woman
who guided the Lewis and Clark ex-
pedition in 1804-1806. Massasoit
was an American Indian Chief of
Massachusetts (1580-1661).Q. In what way should a black-
snake kept in captivity be cared and
fed?A. A cage made of wire screen-
ing or a glass cage covered with wire
screening would be best. It should
be long enough to allow the snake
to move around in it freely. The
snake should be provided with fresh
water daily and fed on live mice and
birds. It will not eat other foods
and the mice and birds must be alive
when put in the cage as the snake
will not touch dead food.Q. What are the meanings of the
following names?A. Calvin—bald.
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